

# Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters

## Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Minutes

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A § 20, the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters convened a special meeting on:

Saturday March 7, 2026 Starting at 8:00am. This was an in-person meeting at the PHCC Trade Show at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Road, W. Marlborough, MA 01752

The topics shown below were discussed at the meeting with those who attended the trade show.

#### Board members present:

- Harold Knight
- John Cruz
- Bahig A. Kaldas, P.E.
- Wayne Thomas
- Kimberly Garside

#### Board members absent:

- Joseph McNamee
- Ruth Alfasso
- Sarah Badway
- Dan Kilburn

#### DOL Staff present:

- Michael Auerbach, Executive Director
- Caitlyn Berry, PC
- Carrie Matheson, OSS
- Michael Guida, Board Code Consultant
- Charles Kilb, Board Counsel

The Board participated in the annual trade show of the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors of Massachusetts. A quorum was present. PHCC hosted the Board members in a question-and-answer seminar open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. During

this period, the Board members entertained questions from the audience on a wide range of topics.

### Topics of discussion presented by trade show attendees.

- Inspector requirements
- Kitchen Drains entering the stack
- Corporation Question
- eLIPSE licensing
- New license numbers
- Products and compliance
- Veteran Accommodations for licensing over 10 years
- Min size Cleanouts of a drain larger than 4 inches
- Adding additional staff
- eLIPSE and linking to licenses from other Boards
- CORI questions
- Leaving as a master of record
- Licensing requirements for Plumbing
- Needing a master license to work in the field
- Elevated gas systems
- DBA's
- Gas Venting

No votes were taken

### Adjournment

- Vote: JC to adjourn at 9:55 am. BK seconded- Motion passed unanimous

### Items relied upon during the open meeting

- None